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BUY A BOMB DRIVE GOING AHEAD WELL

Salinas, California. Continued support of civic groups to the "Buy a Bomb for a Bomber" campaign in Salinas resulted this week in a sharp increase in donations as the fund continued to mount. Correct tally of donations is impossible at this time because so many cans are out and are daily collecting small donations.

The Loyal Order of Moose was latest to contribute, sending in a \$5.00 check. Veterans of Foreign Wars, although their program is too full to allow contribution at this time, sent in a fine letter of commendation and pledging future support.

City councilmen expressed favor with the drive last week by voting unanimously to allow the display of the large bomb to signify the spirit of the campaign. The large bomb was to be back up this week.

Donations to date are listed elsewhere.

The letter from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, referred to this paper by Guy Paulson, campaign chairman, and the Salinas Labor council, to which the letter was sent, reads as follows:

"We of Private Vernon J. Lent Auxiliary 1784, Veterans of Foreign Wars, wish to congratulate you on your plan to raise money with which to buy a bomb for a bomber. Surely no more worthy cause could engage your efforts at this time.

"We should like very much to participate in this fine work. However, for the next few weeks we have a full calendar of work already planned for the comfort and orphans of veterans of past wars. When this work is finished we hope to be able to institute a project to raise money to help this campaign to 'buy a bomb for a bomber'."

"Perhaps there is no other group who realize the urgent necessity of winning the peace as quickly and permanently as possibly, more acutely than we, who, through our work in behalf of disabled veterans, see the result of the devastation of war."

"Yours for more bombs for bombers,"
"Mintie Layman, secy."

County, Municipal Employees Meeting Scheduled Mar. 20

Salinas, California. Next meeting of the new union of State, County and Municipal Employees is scheduled to be held next Friday night. The place was not announced.

The union has installed its new officers and is working under its new charter. Although affiliation with the central labor council was voted, no delegates have appeared at council meetings.

'BUY A BOMB' DONATIONS

Donations to date to the "Buy a Bomb for a Bomber" fund are as follows:

Carpenters 925	10.00
Culinary Alliance 487	5.00
Laborers 272	10.00
Central Labor Council	25.00
Salinas Labor News	1.00
A. B. Scofield (local 925)	1.00
W. H. Deer (925)	1.00
Ed Pilliar (925)	1.00
J. F. Matos (local 272)	1.00
William Kerns (925)	1.00
George Harter (925)	1.00
Guy Paulson (925)	1.00
Ed Light (925)	1.00
Bob Simmons (925)	1.00
Don McAnaney (925)	1.00
Bob Foulds (925)	1.00
Ed Hoopes (925)	1.00
Ivan Miller (925)	1.00
Fred Schmisser (925)	1.00
L. H. Taft (925)	1.00
Frank D. Ball (272)	1.00
Jane Connor	5.00
Bob Humphries (925)	1.00
Loyal Order of Moose	5.00
Fred Emlay	5.00
Jess Hinkley (272)	1.00
Fred Christensen (925)	1.00
L. H. Koch (925)	1.00
Gus Nelson	1.00
Ed Silva	5.00

ALONG CANNERY ROW (AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

Monterey, California. Neva Davis, corresponding and recording secretary of the Fish Cannery Workers Union, took one week of her vacation last week, spending some time in Oakland and elsewhere (mostly elsewhere). She has another week due later.

When last week's can was opened and out popped an item that Morg King went to Moss Landing because of illness of his father, the can should have been re-sealed right there—Morg went to Los Angeles, not to Moss Landing.

Three new members were initiated at the meeting of the FCWU last week—not bad considering the deadness along the Row.

Next meeting of FCWU is scheduled for Thursday night, April 2. Plan now to attend.

John Beron, employed at Hovden's, underwent an appendectomy last week and was recovering at time of this writing.

Pearl Thomas, who subbed for Neva Davis last week, had a tough break recently—someone stole a tire, tube and rim from her car.

When those new canneries are built at Moss Landing, they will be under our union's jurisdiction and will help us a lot.

Many withdrawals are being issued each day now—with canneries shut down for the time, workers are drifting in hope of finding work.

It's summer—the fan was on in the FCWU office last week for the first time this year.

Business Agent Ivan Sinner and Executive Board Member Clarence Dunston represented FCWU at the Oakland "Slave Bill" meeting.

Fishermen and cannery workers don't seem to get together on fish price—and the row is idle and many workers are not working.

The convention of the Seafarers is March 23—we'll be represented. THE CAN OPENER.

In Union Circles SALINAS

Another new labor council delegate: Pete Cooper, from Painters 1104.

Lou Koch was a visitor at labor council last Friday—giving a good report as business agent of the carpenters.

Filled without being read was the SUP-SIO Honest Union Committee's expose (?) of the Harry Lundberg status in regard to the suit brought against him by members of his Seafarers Union for an accounting of funds. The letter was filed in accord with the custom of not reading any official not bearing a union seal.

Dorothy Johns paid three cents postage due on a labor council letter she thought was important—only to have the letter discarded. We don't know if she got the three cents back, so don't ask.

Frank Foster of the Sugar Workers picked the wrong time to miss a labor council meeting—his name was called last Friday for the attendance award.

Protest was ordered sent to the San Jose Janitor's Union over plans of that union to post pickets before theatres without labor council sanction. The dispute was settled without picketing, however, avoiding a nasty crisis.

Labor council attendance has been picking up steadily but still is not up where it should be—several unions still are not represented, such as the bartenders, the musicians, the plumbers, the butchers, the bakers, the typists, the pressmen, the roofers, the teamsters, the sugar workers, etc.

Carpenter Work Continues Good

Salinas, California. Activity of Carpenters Union 925 members has been good, reports Business Agent Lou Koch.

Among jobs which have called repeatedly for men are the box factory, the Catholic School project, Alisal sewer job, the Guayule Rubber Plant, and now the Permanente project. In addition, a farm labor camp is proposed here, Koch said.

GUAYULE RUBBER INDUSTRY GETS SALINAS SENDOFF

Salinas, California. Development of guayule rubber, through growing of the guayule shrub on a large scale, was given a vigorous start in Salinas last week as state and national figures officially launched the defense project.

Senator Sheridan Downey and Governor Culbert L. Olson were among dignitaries present at a banquet to celebrate the signing of a bill by the president to authorize development of the new rubber supply.

Breaking of ground for the planting has been started, buildings and necessary equipment are being constructed, seed germination has begun and plans for a farm labor housing project are under study. The entire project has started off as fully union and is expected to continue as a union project. Farm workers, when planting is at top speed, will number nearly 2000.

President Roosevelt first vetoed the guayule rubber bill because it limited the development to United States. A new version of the bill, allowing development in any of the western hemisphere in accord with Mexican and Pan-American relations was speedily passed and signed.

Pegler's Attack On Labor Also Disgust Public

Monterey, California. In Monterey, California, a good little union city from most points of view, the daily paper, the Peninsula Herald, annually gives organized labor a pat on the back in a special edition about the sardine season and its gains.

Last week, however, the paper added an extra page by printing in its "Letter Box" the following letter, which is self-explanatory:

"Editor, Monterey Herald, Dear Sir:

"Won't you please petition Columnist Westbrook Pegler to consider changing the record when he comes back from his vacation? So far, Monday, Wednesday and Friday it's been Ruthless Mrs. Roosevelt and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Loathsome Labor Unions. I imagine a good many of your readers agree with me that it's getting just a bit monotonous.

Yours sincerely,
MRS. RUSSELL WILLIAMS."

Smith To Attend International Roofers Confab

Warren A. Smith, secretary and business representative of Roofers Union 50 of this area, will represent his local at the annual international convention of roofers at Philadelphia, starting March 23.

At a meeting of the union last week in Watsonville, Smith was the unanimous choice to attend the convention.

Attending the Watsonville meeting were Ike Cargill, former president and a business representative for local 50 and now heading San Luis Obispo Local 161; Tom Tarpoley, business agent of Local 40 of San Francisco, and Cliff Wolbert, secretary of local 40, all of whom spoke on the importance of the international convention.

Barbers Learning All About First Aid

Salinas, California. Approximately 30 members of the Salinas Barbers Union, and a number of beauty operators, are taking the first aid courses offered by the night school at Salinas.

Secretary W. G. Kenyon of the union reported that union members were learning first aid and would turn barber shops into emergency hospitals in event of catastrophe.

Salinas Barber Turns Bartender

Salinas, California. Billy Blake, charter member of the Salinas Barbers Union, has taken a retiring card from the union and temporarily has forsaken barber tools for a bartender's apron.

Bill has closed his barber shop and has opened the new Air Base Inn at Williams St. and Quilla Ave., near the new air field.

LOCAL 483 SPEAKS (Bartenders, Hotel & Restaurant Employees No. 483)

Monterey, California. That our "Open House" party was even a greater success than we had hoped?

That Herschell Morgan, of San Jose bartenders, spoke at the meeting on the new state organization of bartenders and culinary workers and his talk was well applauded?

That Dorothy Johns, of Salinas Culinary Workers, was a guest of the Open House?

That C. T. McDonough, international officer, and T. A. Small, state federation of labor vice president, were invited and sent nice letters regretting inability to be here?

That a list of business men who contributed so generously to make the Open House a success was compiled?

That the list includes: Hotel San Carlos, Club Moderne, Brown Derby, Dominick's El Camino, Kentucky Derby, Cinnabar, Music Box, Brucia's Tavern, Alvarado Inn, Waldorf, Palm Garden, El Nido Cantina, The Keg, Coca Cola Bottling Co., Acme Brewery, Monterey Brewery, Wileman's Produce Co., Western Meats Provision Co., Purty Stores, Bay Market?

That the donations included: Eight loaves of bread, 10 pounds mixed lunch meats, 5 pounds cheese, 18 quarts of liquor, 2 cases of beer, 3 cases soft drinks?

That we were not only celebrating the newly remodeled hall, but also were remembering our union's fifth anniversary?

That Business Agent Red Dwayne had an accident and lost his teeth when a soldier, decidedly under the effect of intoxicated liquor, took a wild swing at Red, hitting him in the mouth? (Red, a former boxer, wouldn't fight back with the man in uniform and no official version of the tale is available. Red has had to have his teeth replaced.)

That next week we'll have something to write about besides the party?

—THE MOON MAN.

ONLY CITIZENS MAY GET JOBS AT PERMANENTE

The following letter was sent to dispatchers of men to the Permanente projects near Salinas and is self explanatory. Its importance makes it doubly worth study.

"In connection with the work at Moss Landing and Natividad, the United States Government requires that every employee on a National Defense project must produce evidence of his United States Citizenship before he can be placed on the payroll.

"Before sending out any men to man these two jobs, will you please be sure that they can have such evidence with them?

"If they cannot produce a birth certificate, such documents as baptismal certificates, naturalization papers, Army and Navy discharges, etc., will be acceptable.

"Because of the serious emergency existing in the country today, we respectfully request your co-operation to see that the above procedure is properly carried out.

"Defense Plant Corporation of Permanente Metals Corp., by
"PETER C. WHALEN,
"Employment Manager."

Sausagemakers, Slaughter Houses Get Five Day Week

Effective March 2nd all sausage makers and all employees in slaughter houses in the San Jose and neighboring jurisdictions went on a straight five-day week basis of eight hours a day.

Prior to this new schedule there were some of the employers who, although they worked only 40 hours a week it was divided into six days, so that the men worked seven hours a day the first five days of each week and on Saturday they worked five hours.

Under the new arrangement the men will still work 40 hours a week but on a straight five-day basis of eight hours each, with Saturday work completely eliminated.

When you define liberty you limit it, and when you limit it you destroy it.—Brand Whitlock.

Curb Loose Talk Is Responsibility Of Bar Workers

Monterey, California. The Monterey Bartenders' Union and Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Local No. 483, last week joined the movement started in San Francisco to halt loose talk about military or naval matters by men in uniform at public drinking places.

A statement was issued to all bartenders of Local No. 483 urging them to take the responsibility of stopping such talk and also of seeing that the uniformed men, who had been drinking heavily, do not get more liquor.

Issued by Business Agent Steve (Red Dwayne) Smario of the Monterey local is the following statement:

"Remember that every man in uniform is not 21. If you are in doubt refuse to serve them or call the military police.

"The patrol operates 24 hours a day out of police headquarters. They can be anywhere in the Peninsula in 15 minutes.

"This applies to officers as well. Only an officer can arrest an officer. If you have trouble with an officer, call the Provost Marshal at Fort Ord, and they'll be right down.

"When people start talking about military affairs, it is your responsibility to tap them on the shoulder and point to your signs about 'Serving in Silence.'

"If they persist in talking, call the military police."

In Union Circles MONTEREY

Dale Ward and George Webster, delegates to the carpenters state council at San Diego, flew down.

Henry Diaz, president of the building trades, makes this report to the press: "R. H. Gregory, of the carpenters hall Gregory clan, is papa of an 8-pound boy, named John Florence Gregory." We're not sure if we're being misled, but Greg just laughs and won't confirm or deny.

The boys also report Dale Ward is getting ready for the service—but don't elucidate.

W. A. Butcher, business agent of Santa Cruz Carpenters 829, was in Monterey on business last week.

Three teamster officials, Secretary George Jenott, Business Agent Charles Smith and Business Agent Thomas Brett, were in town from San Jose, Salinas and Santa Cruz last week checking on details in regards to the new defense projects.

WORKMEN RUSH PROJECTS IN SALINAS AREA

Salinas, California. Construction of the two huge defense projects near here are being rushed by the Permanente Metals Corp. and the work is progressing fully union, under jurisdiction of Salinas locals.

Three shifts of workers will be used to keep the project in full swing. Early work, however, has consisted mainly of clearing and leveling land preparatory to actual construction of the project. Heavy equipment has been rushed to both sites, at Moss Landing and Natividad.

An emergency contract for a railroad overpass in line with the defense program has been in preparation by the state, the line to connect near Castville.

Actual details were not for publication under press censorship regulations.

Report Given On Carpenter Meet in South

Monterey, California. Delegates to the State Council of Carpenters gave a detailed report on the apprenticeship meeting and the state council sessions at last week's meeting of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey.

Dale Ward, business manager, and George Webster made the trip to San Diego for the convention and gave an excellent summary of proceedings.

Reservoir Job At Fort Begins

Monterey, California. Construction of a huge water reservoir in the Fort Ord area has been started, it was reported. The project, which is fully union, required services of more than 50 men right from the start.

Brayton Reports On State Meet Of Carpenters

Salinas, California. Roy Brayton, delegate to the state apprenticeship meeting preceding the State Council of Carpenters, gave a report not only on the apprenticeship meeting, but also of the council sessions, which he attended, at the meeting last week of Carpenters Union 925 in Salinas.

Business at the meeting was mainly routine, including eight clearances accepted, and much of the meeting was devoted to details of the state convention as reported by Brayton.

Theatre Janitor Strike Threats Bring Settlement

San Mateo, California. Threats of a strike of janitors of Fox theatres throughout this area was abated shortly before the deadline when last minute negotiations brought a compromise settlement.

The janitors won their demand for \$1.00 per day wage increases, according to E. J. Carrigan, business agent of Building Service Employees, locals 81 of San Mateo and 77 of San Jose, Watsonville and Salinas.

Assisting greatly in the settlement, which had hit a snag early in the week with the result that a walkout was scheduled for last Saturday, was W. J. Billingsley, of the motion picture projectionists (IATSE) of San Francisco, who sat in on final negotiation meetings, it was reported.

Salinas Council Forms Building Trades Committee

Salinas, California. The Building Trades Executive Committee of the Salinas Labor Council met Feb. 24 and elected officers and decided upon purposes and principles, it was announced last week.

Guy Paulson of Carpenters 925 was elected chairman of the executive body, which will have as its aim the aiding of building trades unions which have no paid representatives.

Chosen secretary was Frank D. Ball, secretary of Laborers 272. The officers of the committee, appointed by the labor council, and their affiliation are:

Chairman—Guy Paulson, Carpenters 925.

Vice-chairman—Dennis Hartman, Painters 1104.

Guard—John Mattos, Laborers 272.

Trustees—Jess Hinkley, Laborers 272, and D. D. McAnaney, Carpenters 925.

CONTINUATION OF DIES PROBE HIT BY LABOR

Union groups and labor councils in both Santa Cruz and Monterey have taken the initiative in local opposition to the continuation of the Dies Committee's investigation.

The Monterey Central Labor Council took first action, by voting to send a telegram to congressmen protesting any further appropriations for Dies.

Monterey Butchers Union and other affiliated groups followed suit.

In Santa Cruz, at recommendation of Kaspar Bauer, president of the council and business agent of Butchers 266, the Santa Cruz Labor Council voted to send letters to Congressmen and Senators asking that they vote against any further appropriation for Dies.

In addition at Santa Cruz, the labor council voted to ask all affiliated unions to take similar protest action.

Salinas Labor Council took similar action and likewise asked unions to follow this lead.

Protests against Dies were numerous and lengthy, and are known to all labor groups who have followed the Dies campaign against some labor unions and groups. Dies is a representative of Texas, one of the notorious "poll tax states."

NEGRO LABOR FOR FARMS IS SUGGESTION OF HEAD OF N.A.A.C.P. IN SALINAS

Salinas, California. From the leader of a Negro organization in Salinas this week came a proposal which, if followed, might solve the entire problem of agricultural labor during the present crisis caused by removal of Japanese from defense zones.

William Greenwell, of Salinas, president of the Salinas chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, urged that colored people be called upon to take over agricultural chores.

Greenwell pointed out the dangers in allowing any Japanese, American born or alien, to handle food stuffs which are for American tables. Sabotage of this type is already warned against by federal authorities.

Negro labor in the farm lands on the Pacific Coast would have numerous advantages, he added. Negroes are 100 per cent American, can readily be identified, are natural tillers of soil, are efficient and reliable, and are willing workers.

Greenwell, who operates a boot-black stand at 141 Main street, Salinas, and has asked for an AFL bootblack's union there, issued the following statement:

"Much is being said in this time of National Emergency about laborers in the agricultural field. Since this same problem has arisen twice in our national life, namely at the time of the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620, and during the Civil War in 1861, by both the North and the South, and in both cases has been definitely solved by Negro labor, why not, in this time of our greatest national emergency, call on Negro laborers to again solve this most urgent and needful service in the same old American way.

"The Negro laborer is efficient, reliable and a natural tiller of the soil. He is 100% American and can at any and all times, be identified. Let America insure against sabotage by placing Negro laborers in charge of the California fields to produce food for democracy's tables.

"Let's place the food for Americans in hands which can be identified, tried and trusted."

5-County Body Meets Easter At Santa Cruz

Next meeting of the Five Counties Labor Legislation Conference will be held at Santa Cruz, Easter Sunday, April 5, it was decided at the conference meeting in San Jose this month. The Santa Cruz meeting will be devoted almost entirely to a discussion on labor-political matters in connection with the coming state elections.

At the San Jose meeting, speakers devoted much time to discussion of the movement to unite all labor for the duration and also to general talk about labor conditions throughout the state, now and in the future.

Secretary Roy Hossack has summarized the meeting as follows in his minutes:

President F. J. Carlisle (Millmen 262) of San Jose presided. Credentials were received for Russel Ryman of Cannery Workers Local 22473, Sunnyvale; Mark H. Pillar of Carpenters 925, Salinas, and Warren A. Smith and W. Sons, both of Roofers No. 50, to represent the Santa Cruz Central Labor Council.

John Anderson of the United Labor Victory Council of San Jose spoke on the unity of labor and the success of the A. F. L. and the C. I. O. in defeating the Smith Bill in Congress. Next meeting of the U. L. V. C. will be held in San Jose on March 15.

Brother Clarence Brooks of the Typographical Union announced that his international has ruled that printers going into the service will have their seniority continued in their union so long as they do not work at any other craft without first joining the union having jurisdiction over that particular work.

Brother Ed Hastin, Carpenters, San Jose, recently from Georgia, one of the Poll Tax States, comment on our expression of freedom and our freedom of movement in California, not enjoyed in the deep South where states are overrun with night riders.

Brother W. A. Schmidt, Smith and Sons were elected to attend the Ham and Eggs and Slave Bill Rally in Santa Cruz on March 18.

The records of Congressman Jack Anderson in his opposition to labor, and Senator Sheridan Downey, in his support of labor were reviewed. The fate of civilian workers who were on Wake Island, and the stoppage of payment to their dependents was discussed and all persons are warned not to sign any papers until they have consulted a good attorney. The "Buy a Bomb for a Bomber" campaign, sponsored by organized labor in Salinas was discussed.

A communication was read from the United American Spanish Aid Committee who are assisting refugees in Spain to get across to Mexico. The conference voted a donation of \$10.00 to this cause. A resolution to free Earl Browder was read and endorsed.

Brothers Ryman, Cannery Workers; Thomson, Engineers, and Carlisle, Millmen, were elected to attend the meetings of the United Labor Victory Council. By motion this conference affiliated with the United Labor Victory Council.

Roy Hossack, Secretary-Treasurer.

Sheet Metal Meet Held At Monterey

Monterey, California. Sheet metal workers from throughout Northern California gathered at Hotel San Carlos, Monterey, last Saturday for their district meeting.

John Alsop, head of local 304 of the Monterey area, was host. Guests included Dale Ward, Monterey building trades business agent, and others.

"Unity For Victory"

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WHY AMERICANS ARE GIVING

There never was a time in the history of the United States when not only labor but all Americans have been so free about supplying all money, means and personal services they are in position to give to their country as they have been and are still to help defend our land and ideals against the war declared against us by Japan, Germany and Italy.

The reason for this is that we are even more unwilling than the Russians, Chinese and British to be enslaved by a dictatorship bent on setting up a totalitarian order throughout the world.

Because Americans are ready to sacrifice practically everything they have to preserve the freedom our forebears started to establish over a century and a half ago, it does not follow that they will enthuse over profiteers using this occasion to line their own already well-filled money boxes with needlessly large percentages of the wealth our people are supplying to wage war against the axis powers.

Some of the busy-bodies who are eternally projecting themselves into print these days over the kind of a political set-up, which is to follow this war, had better wait till the war is over and when it is they better let the people, who are helping to wage this war now, have something to say about how they may want things set up after it is over.

Just because a few international pirates actually succeeded in setting up a financial system after the Napoleonic wars, which enriched them but impoverished the masses of the people in all lands, and just because this same tribe of internationalist vultures succeeded in doing the same thing on even a larger scale after our civil war and on a much larger scale after the world war of twenty-five years ago it does not necessarily follow that they should be permitted to enlarge again still further upon their international racket, or even be permitted to repeat it at all after this war.

What we are going to do after this war is over is a matter that had better come up for a pretty thorough and general discussion before it is decided at all. When it is decided let it be a people's decision, which is based on truthful knowledge instead of misinformation so often dished out deliberately to mislead our people.

In the meantime those now entrusted with power had better get busy immediately with the task of waging the war our people are financing and get our total war going. We are in no mood to wait till next year or to wait at all. For three solid years we have been supplying the sinews for just such a war as the one that has been forced on us and now we expect action, both well-directed and effective and if we don't get it mighty soon it would be very much in order for the American people to prepare themselves for letting most of our present officials, who may come up for re-election this fall, be replaced by go-getters, who are in a mood to do things with what we have to do with, instead of just talk about it, while they are letting profiteers rob us blind.

It took the Russian nation five months to stop the most powerful military machine the world has ever known and they are now slowly driving it back towards Germany. Is it possible that we cannot do as well as that in meeting the attack of Japan is making? Suppose the Russians had waited a year before they started to fight, what would have happened to them? If we wait another year before we get under way, what will happen in the meantime?

Nobody expects the impossible, but the American people do expect and have a right to expect that such war machinery as we do have now should get into motion at once and strike just as hard as we can and as often as we can every day that elapses until the enemy is stopped and the present tide turned. Since we have not a million planes yet take those we do have and get to bat. The same applies to tanks, ships and guns. In the meantime we'll be making more.

Get going or get out and let somebody else take a try at it.

A CONCRETE EXAMPLE

Let us reduce the cost plus plan to concrete mathematics. Let us take a job for which a fair estimate of cost, under existing conditions, would be a million dollars, and an equally fair estimate of one hundred days being the length of time an average competent crew would require to complete the job. By paying twice the cost for material that it is necessary to pay and by encouraging the crew to loaf enough on the job to fritter away two hundred days to complete it, the cost of same will be double, or two million dollars. Completion of the job has been slowed up fifty per cent. The much needed ships, air planes or tanks are only half finished when they should be and could be ready. During all this lost time our soldiers overseas wonder why we are so infernally slow about getting needed supplies to them.

"WHAT NOW?"

By ROY G. OWENS

Have a care. Watch your step. The more uncertain the sand the more risky it is to build your bridge foundations in it.

We quote from a prominent column:

"One way to prevent a return to democracy, private enterprise and normal times after the war, with self reliant workers, would be to inaugurate a continuous program of expenditures for 'public works' that would drain untold billions out of the pockets of the taxpayers.

Caesar Augustus, the president-dictator of Rome, to keep the people from revolting against their hard lot after a war or two, built a Rome that was all marble. He impoverished the rich and the middle classes and completely enslaved the workers on 'public works'—and thus began the reign of the Caesars.

In Egypt the Pharaohs built the pyramids—"public works"—by taxing every one to a shirtless condition and driving the already enslaved workers to the lowest levels of living.

Henry Christophe, in Haiti, also had the 'public works' bee in his hair and built grandiose palaces on almost inaccessible cliffs. China was socialized some centuries ago by rulers putting the people to work on all sorts of 'public works' on which they died like flies, while the rulers rolled in wealth.

Mayor La Guardia recently said in a speech that the Government would be compelled to spend billions after the war on 'public works' for fear of unemployment on a dangerous scale.

"Public works" and exorbitant taxes—that's the silent revolution we face, a revolution cunningly engineered from the top and which will lead us into state socialism which is a two-dollar word for 'communism'.

End quote, and take it as an opinion that the only way to certainly avoid another repetition of the many previous and thoroughly inhuman malpractices in the economic sphere is to replace the ancient machineries of money—by which means these iniquitous slavery results were caused to be—and install in this land of our homes a system of money—purchasing power distribution—which cannot be so manipulated—which cannot be used, either by any private citizen or by any corporate enterprise or by any government department or head, to screw down the levels of the mass and enslave the cunning few.

Oh, that the humble workman with his loyal nose to the grindstone would but lift his eyes—or that the lathe hand would but put his calipers or his straight edge on the dollar—that he might discover its crookedness and the ills of its design.

Little Luther

"Father," said Little Luther, "why should non-defense expenditures be cut by 25%?"

"The question answers itself, my boy. Only by cutting the luxuries from our national budget can we have enough money to prosecute the war."

"And what are the luxuries, father?"

"There are countless examples. Take the Farm Security Administration. Why, it has even lent money to farmers so they can pay their poll taxes!"

"You don't think these men should be allowed to vote? I thought we were all fighting for democracy."

"Luther, you are twisting my words. I didn't say that. My view is that these farmers would be better off if they had to stand on their own feet instead of being coddled by Government officials."

"I suppose you think that the sugar producers, the plantation owners, the shipping companies, the railroads and all the other employers who get Government subsidies should also be required to stand on their own feet?"

"The circumstances are entirely different. In these instances, Government funds are enabling vital commercial enterprises to function for the benefit of the nation."

"But what good are vital commercial enterprises if the people are unemployed and starving?"

"Luther, the Government does not have money enough for everybody. Funds must be apportioned where they will do the most good."

"I guess I am all confused, father. I had thought that the people would win the war, but it looks like we must depend on the stockholders."

The Radical

A man is thought a knave, a fool, A bigot plotting crime; Who, for the advancement of his kind,

Is wiser than his time.

For him the gibbet shall be built, For him the stake prepared,

For him the hemlock be distilled, For him the axe be bared.

—ROBERT BURNS.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



THE WORKER'S BOOKSHELF

Winged Warfare, by General H. H. Arnold and Colonel Ira C. Baker. Harper & Brothers, N. Y. \$3.00.

The authors treat us to a satisfactory non-technical account of the role of aviation in modern military conflict. The description of the organization and functioning of the U. S. Army Air Corps is included. Naturally, a certain amount of reticence is to be found in the treatment of some phases. Likewise, one may challenge some conclusions and assertions. Yet, on the whole, the book fills a great need for the layman. Indeed, the airplane, alongside of the steam engine, has been most decisive in changing the course of human events. We have yet to see whether the airplane will serve as an instrument for elevating humanity or pulverizing human progress. General Arnold and Colonel Baker render help to John American, if he is interested in grasping the how and why of the tasks and tests of the problems and prospects of our country's winged warriors and winged warfare. And all of us should and must be so interested. We should like to see a revised edition of this volume based on the experience of the war in Russia and the Pacific.

The World's Iron Age, by Wm. Henry Chamberlin. The Macmillan Co., N. Y. \$3.00.

This book is worth tackling. As an account of what the author calls the collapse of liberal or nineteenth century civilization, it is provoking and on the whole balanced. To say this does not mean that one must agree with Mr. Chamberlin's evaluation of secondary or world-shaking events, revolution in Russia. The role of let us say, like the October 1917 such mighty forces in history cannot be accurately estimated or their definite course charted in a couple of decades.

The author tends to a too simple evaluation of fascism as primarily (if not merely) a counterstroke to Bolshevism. In fact, there were essentially fascist groups in Russia before the Bolsheviks took over. In saying this, one need not deny the great extent to which especially German Fascism (Nazism) learned strategy and tactics from Bolshevism. Though it is true that the Nazi bureaucracy dropped all pretense at certain so-called ideals, yet it is not correct to view it as a deterioration from 'better' or early pre-war days. In its leadership the Nazis, unlike many of the Bolsheviks, never really had any social ideals to desert. The Nazi outfit always was a ruthless power racket. That was inherent in their doctrine and their practice long before World War II.

But whatever disagreements one may have with the author, the reviewer can only stress that the book is challenging and does attempt to deal with fundamentals. As such we recommend it for these days—days that demand the discarding of blind faith in all Maginot—idealism as well as military and naval, especially since Pearl Harbor and Singapore.

POEM OF THE WEEK

Our America

By NICHOLAS J. RICHARDS

COLUMBIA! Thy sacred ancient shrine Demands the homage of a favored race;

From selfish dross, in service, now refine And all our foolish fears and doubts erase;

This heritage Must now engage

Each sturdy hand and faithful heart Today To keep thy foes within, without, at bay!

Blest land! Thy praises now we gladly sing, To answer haughty hate from frowning fogs;

Let Nature's anthem unrestrainedly ring, A grand crescendo the doubters to compose;

(From plain and hill A matchless thrill.)

O Lord our God, we humbly now implore To guide and guard our soil for evermore!

Dear Land! For thee our fathers dared and died, For thee they blazed the trackless waste and stream;

Thy safety was their constant goal and pride, A nation stirred and steeled by Freedom's beam.

By righteous laws In loyal cause,

Protect us in our quenchless liberty! Preserve us for our deathless destiny!

Thy freedom came from God, a gift of Love, Bequeathed by Him to whom all men are free;

No tyrant horde shall now this pov'ry remove— This boon as boundless as Humanity.

This continent With firm intent

Resolves that all 'neath Freedom's shelter wing, Shall ever its just praise and glories sing!

Consumer's Guide

ENAMELWARE FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE COOKING

Now that aluminum cooking utensils are disappearing from the market consumers want to know whether enamelware can be used for cooking that requires high heat. Recent studies of the metals used to make cooking utensils at the Nebraska Experiment Station, show that it can, reports the Consumers' Counsel Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Enamelware will stand up about as long as aluminum if it has reasonably careful handling, gets no hard knocks that will cause chips, the studies revealed. Enamelware does check in time and tiny cracks appear in the surface, but these cause no harm as long as the enamel doesn't flake off.

WHAT BUTTER "SCORE" MEANS

"When the butter you buy has a certificate in the package that says 'U. S. 93 Score' or 'U. S. 92 Score' that means that the butter has been graded by official graders of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and found to meet certain standards," says Consumers' Guide publication of the Consumers' Counsel Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"In determining the quality of butter the factors of flavor, body coloring, and salt are considered by the graders.

"Highest grade is U. S. 93 score. To grade that high, butter must have a 'fine pleasing flavor.' Butter with 'pleasing' flavor rates U. S. 92 score, while U. S. 91 score goes to butter with a 'fairly pleasing' flavor.

"Deductions are made from these basic ratings for defects in color, body, or salt. The lowest score given is 85, for butter with a pronounced obnoxious weed, onion or garlic flavor. Butter with this flavor, plus other defects, falls below 85 and isn't given a grade. "When the butter score is 92 or 93, the Agricultural Marketing Service of the department grants the manufacturer the privilege of using certificate of quality which they may enclose in the package.

"Butter scoring from 88 to 93 is good for table use. Butter scoring from 85 to 88 is better suited for cooking purposes."

TESTS FAVOR COTTON KNITTED UNDERWEAR FOR CHILDREN

"Which wears best, cotton or rayon, for children's knitted underwear? Bureau of Home Economics tests show that cotton is longer wearing," says the Consumers' Counsel Division of the Department of Agriculture.

"Little boys' union suits of cotton, tested, stood the hard wear they gave them better than rayon ones. Girls' vests got less strain, but those made of rayon lengthened in the wash and eventually needed more mending than cotton vests. The cottons showed up better in the laundering tests, too; they all stood more trips to the wash tub than rayons.

"On the average, it takes almost four cotton union suits or six rayon suits a year to keep a little boy in underwear," the Bureau experts found, "while a little girl can get along with two cotton or three rayon knitted vests a year."

Maintain Your Union

The change-over from peacetime to wartime production creates serious problems for many wage-earners. Individual workers may be dropped from the payroll and temporarily forgotten. Such workers, like all other citizens, are eager to do their share. In order to get consideration and to have a part in the great effort that is straining all our resources, workers must belong to a union that can speak for them and take care of their welfare. In war as in peace your union can provide you with opportunities to take an effective part in shaping developments.

For the duration of the war no union should strike because no group of workers should for a moment delay production of munitions needed by our soldiers on active duty or take the responsibility of creating discord in national ranks. Because production must be carried on by human beings who cannot free themselves from human shortcomings, disputes and new problems are sure to arise. You will have to look to your union executives to adjust all such situations. Their resourcefulness and fair dealing will be your hope of protection.

I urge you to preserve your union membership and to keep your union active during this emergency, for you will need a solid organization even more desperately when peace comes. This is a war to preserve free institutions. You can help accomplish that purpose by doing your full duty by your union.—Wm. Green.

No Education!

New York, N. Y. Ninety per cent of the Kentucky mountain children never go to school, according to a statement made by Dr. William Jesse Baird, dean of the Foundation School, Berea (Ky.) College at a conference of the Save the Children Federation held last week in New York.

'This Is War' Radio Program Series Will Feature Labor Soon

Washington, D. C.

Under the title "This Is War," the four major radio networks are carrying a new kind of educational program on war issues to American and world-wide listeners—including those in the enemy-occupied countries.

The program, prepared by Norman Corwin in cooperation with the Office of Facts and Figures, is a series of 13 dramatic narratives dealing with the nation's war effort, the background of the war, and the meaning of democracy and fascism. It comes on Saturday nights, at 7 p. m., EWT, over all the major networks.

An early feature of the series will be an all-labor program, to be written by Clifford Odets, playwright and movie writer.

Abraham Lincoln was as just and generous to the rich and well-born as to the poor and humble—a thing rare among politicians.—John Hay.

At least 40 cents an hour must be paid to all workers making cosmetics for interstate trade under the Federal Wage and Hour Law.

KERN LABORITES LAUNCH CENTRAL BUREAU OF NEWS

Bakersfield, California.

Inauguration of a Kern County labor news bureau was revealed last week by G. Harold Woodard, secretary of the Kern County Labor Council, and Ralph Ryan, Journal manager-editor. Under this plan all union news, intended for publication in any newspaper other than the Journal, will be prepared and released by them.

Here's a Swell Idea For Labor Unionists In Other Localities

Following the lead of Philadelphia and Detroit, Racine, Wisconsin, AFL and CIO labor leaders recently organized a community-wide Consumers Council, which is to serve as a clearing house for information to workers on how to get the best quality and quantity from their purchasing dollar, and for a program of activity to keep the cost of living down.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

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MONTEREY UNION DIRECTORY

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—Vice-President for San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties—Thomas A. Small, San Mateo, California, Phone San Mateo 11510.

BAKERS 24 (Watsonville Branch)—Meets first Saturday of each month at 3 p. m. Pres. Jasper Svien, 202-C Third St., Rec. Sec. Martin Niebling, 28 East Ford St.; Bus. Rep. Harry Miller, 72 N. Second St., San Jose.

BARBERS LOCAL 896—President, Ralph Lester; secretary-treasurer, A. H. Thompson, 243 Alvarado St., Monterey. Meetings held first Thursday of each month at Bartenders' Hall, 301 Alvarado Ave.

BARTENDERS AND HOTEL & RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES 483—Meets first and third Mondays, 2:30 p. m. above The Kor, 301 Alvarado St. Pres. James McNally; Sec. Pearl Bennett; Bus. Agent, Steve (Red Dwayne) Smario, 301 Alvarado Ave., Phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Carpenters' Hall second and fourth Friday, 8:00 P. M. President, F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin.-Sec. M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, Phone 6745; Rec.-Sec. Geo. Houde, 203 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Phone 6745.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets every Thursday, 8:00 P. M., Carpenters' Hall. H. Diaz, President; L. T. Long, Recording Secretary, Phone 4292; Dale Ward, Business Manager. Office: 701 Hawthorne St., Phone 6744, Res. Phone 5230.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Pres. Phil Mosley; Rec. Sec. Elmer Grant, Exco. Sec. Earl Moorhead, San Jose, Phone 2132.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets first and third Monday 8:00 p. m. at Carpenters' Hall, Monterey. Pres. E. M. Brooks, 238 Spruce St., Pacific Grove, Phone 6911; Rec. Sec. W. J. Allen, 501 Forrest, Pacific Grove, Phone 3263; Bus. Agent-Fin. Sec. D. L. Ward, 400 Gibson Ave., Office Phone 6744, Res. 5230.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 1072—Meets in Carpenters' Hall, Monterey, second Monday, 7:30 P. M. President, Local 611—Financial Sec. R. H. Van Deburg, 310 5th St., Pacific Grove, Phone 4900.

FIVE COUNTIES LABOR LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE—Meets first Sunday each month at place announced. Pres. F. J. Carlisle; Vice-Pres. Wayne Edwards; Rec. Sec. Sibyl Scheller; Sec.-Treas. Roy Hossack, Route 2, Box 144, Salinas, Phone Salinas 5460.

AFL FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC, MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets on call. Pres. D. R. Cameron; Sec. Morgan King; Bus. Agent, Ivan Smith, Office, 648 Ocean View Ave., Monterey.

HODCARRIERS, BUILDING AND COMMON LABORERS 690—Meets in New Labor Temple, Monterey, first and third Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. Pres. Robert Dalton, 670 Cypress St.; Fin. Sec. H. E. Ferguson, P. O. Box 425, Monterey; Rec. Sec. Stanley Wilkins, Pacific Grove; Bus. Agent, Wally Savage, Phone 7925, Res. 3741.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a. m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Art Reina, 13 Kentucky St., Salinas; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 90 Payton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 2737-R; Rec. Sec. Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p. m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Siefert, 15 Salinas, Phone 5460.

MONTEREY PENINSULA CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL—Meets at Labor Temple, 315 Alvarado, first and third Tuesdays at 8 p. m. Pres. Henry Tothammer; Vice-Pres. Elmer Borman; Treas. A. H. Thompson; Sec. Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Phone 7622.

MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED TEACHERS NO. 457—Meets in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:40 P. M. Fin.-Sec. Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

MUSICIANS PROTECTIVE UNION OF MONTEREY COUNTY, Local No. 616; Meets second Monday of the month at 8:00 p. m., Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro Street, Kenneth Ahrenfeldt, Secretary; Stanley Belfis, President.

PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPER HANGERS 272—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays in Carpenters' Hall at 8:00 p. m. Pres. W. A. Bjornvold, Box 192, Carmel, Phone 606R; Fin. Sec.-Treas. J. C. Hazelwood, Res. Rt. 1, Box 142, Monterey; Rec. Sec. Roy Hamilton, Res. 571 Pine St., Pacific Grove, Phone 5535.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Carpenters' Hall, Monterey, 8:00 P. M. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, V. J. Willoughby, 152 Carmel Avenue, Pacific Grove.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS NO. 62—Meet in Carpenters' Hall Monterey, second and fourth Friday at 8:00 P. M. President, J. Allen Wilson, 211 Ninth Street, Pacific Grove, Phone 4591; Fin. Sec. Henry Diaz, 1271 Third Street, Monterey, Phone 7386.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch NO. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Friday of month. Pres. Boyd Beall; Vice-Pres. E. L. Edwards; Sec.-Treas. Art Hamill.

SEINE AND LINE FISHERMEN'S UNION—Meets monthly on full moon, 2:00 p. m., at Knights of Pythias Hall, Calls Monterey, 8:00 p. m. Pres. John Crivello; Business Agent, Vito Alfio, Office 235 Alvarado St., Phone 3965.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meet every third Friday, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey. Pres. John Olson, 308 19th St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec. F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., S. C., Ph. 12763.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO DRIVERS' UNION 287—Meets second Thursday of month at 7:30 p. m., Labor Temple, George W. Jenett, Sec.-Bus. Agt., 72 N. Second St., San Jose, Ballard 6316. For a representative of Monterey County call Jack Johnson, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, Phone 7590.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LOCAL 573—Meets last Friday of each month in Labor Temple. Lawrence Olsson, President; Walter Cook, Vice President; A. B. Rotter, Secretary, Rt. 1, Monterey.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATER-PROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets last Friday in Watsonville Labor Temple, 3rd Friday in Monterey Carpenters' Hall at 8:00 p. m. Pres. Lloyd Lovett, Salinas; Sec. Warren A. Smith, Rt. 3, Box 64, Santa Cruz.

Music Indispensable To Pep Up Morale of Army, But Musicians Need Groceries Also!

By J. K. WALLACE
President Los Angeles Musicians Association

The other day an Army Colonel commanding a regiment stationed near Los Angeles phoned for an orchestra to play "free" music at an entertainment for the soldiers. This was just one of eight or ten requests for free music that we receive every day of the year from Army and Navy groups, Civilian Defense and charity organizations, but it was a little different in that the Colonel did not want to take "no" for an answer. He insisted it was our duty to come out and entertain his men.

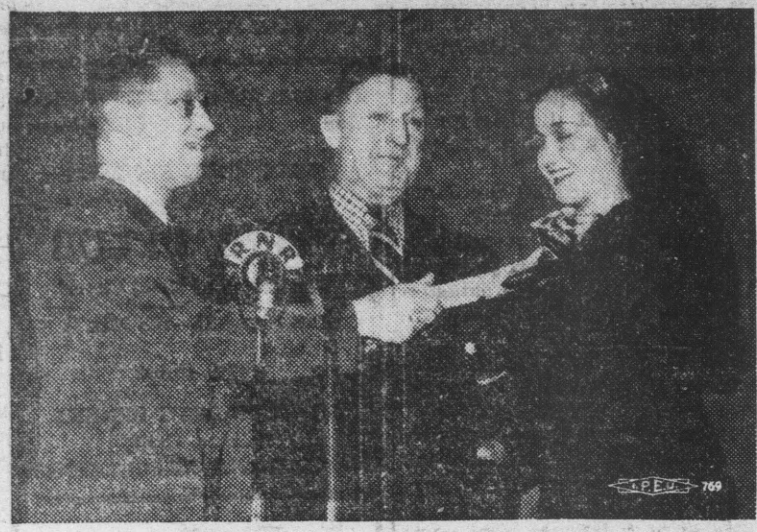
Well, the Colonel was right. It is our duty to entertain the soldiers. Soldiers need music. It is just as essential to their well-being as comfortable living quarters or well-prepared food. Of course they could exist in any kind of living quarters, and they could exist upon any kind of food, but the Army knows that men who have a few comforts are much happier and therefore much better soldiers. The Army also knows that soldiers who have music and entertainment have much higher morale and are, therefore, much better soldiers. Thus, I repeat, it is our duty to entertain the soldiers.

HOW ABOUT A LIVING?

There was only one thing wrong with the Colonel's argument. He wanted us to give away the only commodity we have to sell—the only means musicians have of making a living—the means whereby we are able to buy Defense Bonds, give to the Red Cross, and support other war activities. It was pointed out to the Colonel that it is also the duty of carpenters to build cantonments, of mechanics to build airplanes, of shipbuilders to build ships, but the government does not ask them to work for nothing.

Everyone working in Defense Industries today is being paid except musicians. Our contention is that music is also an essential part of the defense program and should be figured in the budget the same as

MUSICIANS BUY \$100,000.00 BONDS



MAKING A SECOND PURCHASE OF \$50,000.00 in Defense Bonds, are officials of Los Angeles Musicians' Mutual Protective Association, Local 47. From Left to right: Al Meyer, Financial Secretary; J. K. "Spike" Wallace, President; and film actress, Dorothy Lamour.

housing, clothing, and equipment. Some people might object to this expense upon the grounds that music is intangible. When they buy a tank or build barracks they have something they can see and touch. Music, as far as they are concerned, flies off into the air and disappears, with nothing to show for the outlay of money. Because they can't touch it, they don't want to pay for it.

MUSIC INDISPENSABLE

But music is tangible. It lives on in the hearts of everyone who hears it. The soldier marching into battle with a song in his heart is an irresistible fighting machine. Even the primitive savages realized this truth because they marched to war to the beat of tomtoms. The Scottish Highlanders in their colorful kilts, known as the fiercest fighters of the last great war, marched into the mouth of machine guns and cannon with the strains of the bagpipe ringing in their ears. Soldiers must have music.

And civilians must have music too. One evidence of this fact is the countless requests we receive from all money-raising organizations for music. They have found from experience that music gets results. The Treasury Department has figures in black and white to show that at the Victory House in Pershing Square the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps falls off to almost nothing when there is no entertainment, and sky-rockets immediately when the band music we furnish them gets onto the stand.

FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENT

Let us hope that the U.S.O. will greatly increase the number of musical units which they are sending out and that other agencies concerned with the building of morale, both of service men and civilians, will soon realize that music is a defense industry, and will make the necessary financial arrangements to provide it in the needed quantities.

AFL-CIO Tell Roosevelt 'Freezing' of Pay Steps Would Injure Production

Washington, D. C.

Presentation of a joint CIO-AFL program to keep wages free of arbitrary freezing orders and to set up a unified labor supply agency within the Department of Labor marked the second meeting of the "Labor Victory Board" with President Roosevelt here.

The joint program calls for maintenance of the collective bargaining process of raising wages, pointing out that any freezing plan will place great hardships on the workers and would be a serious blow to morale and consequently to full war production.

WOULD END CONFUSION

The recommendation of a unified labor supply agency would end present confusion, since the problem of recruiting labor for arms industries is now snarled up in a number of conflicting government agencies. Early this year

Hot water is one of the greatest enemies of germs. During the winter, when colds are numerous, an abundant supply of hot water is protection to family health.

The availability of an adequate supply of hot water makes possible the sterilization of dishes, careful cleansing of hands before eating, and increases the frequency of baths and showers which help build up resistance against protection.

the CIO took the position that the whole question should be put in the hands of the labor department. LABOR FORCES UNITY

The joint program was seen here as labor's united answer to the campaign of propaganda for wage freezing emanating from the newspaper and from certain high government officials. This propaganda was sharply denounced last week by President Murray in a statement accusing "certain government and industry officials" of attempting to pre-judge the demands of the CIO for raises in steel and other industries.

The Labor Victory Board consists of three from the CIO and three from the AFL. CIO representatives are President Murray, Julius Emspak and R. J. Thomas. AFL's men are President William Green, Secretary George Meany and Daniel Tobin.

Anti-Poll Tax Fight Support Given By FDR

Washington, D. C.

In a vigorous statement at his press conference on February 13, the President denounced the levying of poll taxes as a practice that has prevented many poor people in the south from voting. He said he had opposed such levies all his life.

He recalled somewhat bitterly that among the members of Congress and newspaper columnists attacking the Farm Security Administration policy of permitting poll taxes to be included in budgeted loans are some who, seven years ago, proposed that WPA workers be denied the right to vote.

LEGITIMATE

President Roosevelt corrected an earlier stand in opposition to the FSA policy and said the agency properly considered these levies a legitimate part of its lending operations.

Upon investigation, he said, he found that the agency is not paying poll taxes directly, but merely permits them to be included among necessary living expenses upon which deficit loans are based.

SECOND ATTACK

This was not the President's first attack on the poll tax. In 1936 Mr. Roosevelt strongly condemned the poll tax in a letter to Brooks Hays, Democratic National Committee man from Arkansas, during the course of a statewide campaign to repeal the tax.

Mrs. Roosevelt Aids Unemployed Painters

New York City, N. Y.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's intercession with the War Production Board in behalf of 16,000 unemployed New York City painters brought quick results.

Michael Di Silvestro, secretary-treasurer of the New York District Council of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, who appealed for Mrs. Roosevelt's assistance on January 21, reported that government officials had set in motion machinery to get the painters temporary cash relief, free retraining in needed war production skills, and a considerable number of war jobs.

WHAT NEXT?

A soil sterilizer is now being used in the Imperial Valley of California to fight bugs, moles, weeds and fungus diseases in the soil. Business Week reports. Electrical apparatus mounted on a tractor electrocutes insects and "sterilizes" weed seeds. The electrical equipment has an output up to 16,000 volts; 24 electrodes spaced every 3½ inches make electrical contact with the soil.

MINUTES

Central Labor Council

Monterey, California.

The meeting was called to order March 3 by President Tothhammer. The roll call showed the presence of seven delegates from six locals. Officers present were President Tothhammer, Sec. Edwards and Sergeant-at-Arms Burke.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The committee on revision made its report recommending an increase in the dues paid by affiliated locals. (See below.)

The secretary reported on his attendance at the recent meeting of the Five County Conference.

The secretary's bills as follows, were approved and ordered paid: Mileage to San Jose and return \$7, dinner 75c, incidentals \$3.

A petition was presented urging Congress to establish government owned paper in each state. It was moved, seconded, and passed to sign and send in the petition.

Other communications were presented and ordered filed. One in particular should be further noted, however. The Council was asked to send two delegates to a meeting in Oakland next Sunday to plan the campaign against Slave Bill 877. No delegates were appointed as no one could be found who could go.

The following amendment was presented to the Council by the committee on Constitution revision: Article IV, Section 2, to be changed to read as follows: "The monthly dues of each affiliated local shall be a per capita tax of three cents per member, based on its report to its international. No local shall pay more than \$25 per month and no local shall pay less than \$6 per month." As required by the constitution, this was laid over for consideration at the next meeting. (Will all affiliated locals give this proposed amendment full consideration and instruct their delegates as to what action they favor?)

It was moved, seconded, and passed that this Council go on record against any further appropriations for the Dies committee and to wire our members in congress to take effect.

Reports of Delegates—The Painters reported one new member and that they had fired their business agent.

The Carpenters reported two new members and a good meeting. The Butchers reported that they have initiated quite a number of new members in recent months.

The Bartenders reported that at their last meeting their District Vice-President Herschel Morgan of San Jose was present. At that meeting they had initiated their newly decorated hall.

The Musicians reported no meeting, but they are getting ready for their annual dance.

The financial report was read and the meeting adjourned.

Please note well the proposal to change the dues of affiliated locals.

WAYNE EDWARDS, Secretary

PATRIOTISM? LOOK AT THIS UNION STAND

San Mateo, California.

"San Mateo Labor Council: 'As organized labor in this county has been given the privilege to entertain troops in San Mateo County for one week, and as this is the longest time given to any individual group or association, we realize the importance for labor to justify this cause and to show the public that organized labor can do its part.'

"Local 467 is desirous of doing its part in this program and we ask that our local be given one day for this entertainment. Our business manager has been given permission to devote a day with the troops and an unlimited amount to spend for the occasion.

"Trusting this matter will be given your prompt attention, and with best wishes, I remain, 'Fraternally yours,

"WILLIAM P. DESSERT, 'Rec. Secy., Plumbers Union 467'

The above letter received by the labor council was the first from a union wishing to do its part to entertain United States armed forces stationed in the county.

Organized labor has been given the week of Mar. 23 through Mar. 29 to entertain troops. All other service and civic groups, as far as known, have been limited to only three or four days to fete soldiers.

Business Manager A. H. Randall of the Plumbers has been given permission by his union to spend a day as he sees fit to entertain the troops in the name of his union and of organized labor. While everyone knows Randall will do a job of entertaining that will be almost impossible to beat, details of his plans are still secret.

The labor council took no formal action to accept the Plumbers' offer, but instead turned the letter over to the committee of arrangements for the week.

America has furnished to the world the character of Washington, and if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind. —Daniel Webster.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

HERE 'TIS

When two girls kiss each other it's like a couple of prizefighters shaking hands.

Some girls go places and do things; others just go places. Many a pet gal goes out to flirt and comes back expert.

Lovers never understand each other. That's why they get married.

METICULOSITY

In one of the towns of the Pacific Coast a distinct earthquake shock was felt recently and when the municipal building rocked perceptibly the city fathers, then in session, left without bothering about the usual formalities.

The clerk, a man of rules and regulations, was hard put to give his minutes the proper official tone. Finally he evolved this masterpiece:

"On motion of the city hall, the council adjourned."

FIRED

"Why did you lose your job at the gown shop?"

"Well, near the end of a very hectic day a fussy, fat woman came in. After I tried about 20 dresses on her, she said the thought she would look better in something flowing, so I told her to go jump in the river."

NO WONDER

Dentist: "Stop waving your arms and making faces, sir. Why, I haven't even touched your tooth."

Patient (pulling gag from mouth): "I know you haven't but you're standing on my corn."

SOLD

"Young man: 'Hurrah! Five dollars for my latest story!'

Friend: "Congratulations, young man. From whom did you get the money?"

Young man: "From the express company. They lost it."

GREEN-EYED

Angler (to rival proudly displaying catch)—Thank goodness, you have caught him. I'm tired of throwing the little beggar back.

NO CONSIDERATION

A lawyer located in a large building in Philadelphia lost one of a pair of cuff links and posted on the bulletin board downstairs the following notice:

"Lost: a gold cuff link. The owner, George Peabody, will deeply appreciate its prompt return."

That afternoon the lawyer glanced at the bulletin board and found that a second notice had been posted. It read:

"The finder of the missing cuff link would deem it a great favor if the owner would kindly lose the other link."

EASY ANSWERS

Coach: "Calf!"
Frosh: "Fourteen inches."
Coach: "Thigh?"
Frosh: "Twenty-six inches."
Coach: "Neck?"
Frosh: "You betcha!"

GOOD ANSWER

Donovan's wife awoke in the small hours to hear him stealthily moving things about in the kitchen.

Mrs. Donovan—What might ye be lookin' for, darlin'?

Donovan—Nothing. Just nothing.

Mrs. Donovan—Oh, then ye'll find it in the bottle where the whisky used to be.

WHAT, NO CHANGE?

The tight-fisted husband who was out of town for his wife's birthday sent her a check for a million kisses as a present. The wife, a little annoyed at his theft, sent back a post card: "Dear Jim—Thanks for the perfectly lovely birthday check. The milkman cashed it this morning!"

MAKING IT CLEAR

"Are you unmarried?" inquired the census taker.

"Oh, dear no," answered the lady, blushing to the roots of her hair. "I've never even been married!"

AUNT'S DOUBT

Elderly Aunt, to her nephew, a poor preacher. "James, why did you enter the ministry?"

"Because I was called," he answered.

"James," said the old lady, anxiously, as she looked up from wiping her spectacles, "are you sure it wasn't some other noise you heard?"

WELL SEASONED

Two druggists were discussing another druggist.

First: Say what you will about Jones, he's a great druggist.

Second: He is, indeed. But don't you think the chicken salad he serves is a little salty?

BEATS AND BARS

The policeman's son was studying music. "How many beats are there to the bar in this piece of music, Dad?" he asked.

The boy's mother spoke up. "Fancy asking a policeman a question like that!" she said. "Now, if you ask your daddy how many bars to the beat, he might be able to tell you!"

MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Monterey, California.

Meeting called to order by President Henry Diaz at 8 p. m., March 5, 1942. Roll was called of delegates and absentees noted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Credentials: None.

Correspondence: Received a copy of the minutes from the B. & C. T. C. of Santa Clara county.

Received the weekly news bulletin from the California State Federation of Labor.

Received a letter from Wichita, Kansas, B. & C. T. C. giving notice that the Watkins Inc., Fabricators of Steel, Structural & Reinforcing Steel and Foundry Work, have been placed on their "We Do Not Patronize" list, and request all fair contractors be informed.

Received a letter from the State B. & C. T. C. with a copy of a ruling concerning men subject to military duty under selective service regulations and employment of men excused from military service.

Received a letter from the Secretary of Interior quoting the wage scale and working conditions on the Boulder Dam project.

Received a letter from the Permanente Metal Corporation stating all employees must produce a birth certificate, or a military discharge before they can be employed on the defense project.

Special report: Bro. H. Diaz gave a report on a meeting held in San Jose where an agreement was drawn to cover the construction of new defense projects in Santa Clara, San Benito and Monterey counties.

Business Managers Report: Bro. D. L. Ward gave a report on the construction of a new plant for the Permanente Metal Corp. There is a small job at Fort Ord, the Dinwiddie job has slowed up waiting for material.

The Monterey Peninsula Realty Board has successfully stopped the new construction of officers quarters at Fort Ord, for the present at least. They claim there are some 200 houses idle. A good part of these houses were built before 1900 and should be replaced with new homes.

There is lots of work in other parts of California as well as the neighboring states.

The report was accepted.

Reports of Unions: Bro. MacGetts, Carpenters No. 1233, well attended meeting, routine business, more optimism was shown in regards to new work.

Bro. Ferguson, Hod Carriers and Laborers No. 690; took up the subject of new defense project, also discussed a proposed wage scale.

Bro. Bucklen, Plumbers No. 62; good meeting, elected two delegates to attend the meeting in Oakland, March 8, to discuss Hot Cargo Bill 877.

Bro. E. E. Lehr, Roofers 50; good meeting, elected a delegate to attend their national convention.

Bro. J. Alsop, Sheet Metal Workers No. 304; asked that a representative of the Council meet with the Metal Workers at their District Council that will be held in the San Carlos hotel Saturday, March 7.

Bro. Ward agreed to make the meeting.

Bro. C. M. Smith, Truck Drivers No. 287; met with Mr. Folette of the Minick Transfer Co., in request for an increase in driver's pay.

Bro. Barter, Lathers No. 463; met Friday, March 6, 1942.

Reports of Committees: Bro. R. Dalton, chairman of the finance committee, reports the number of local unions delinquent in their per capita to the Council and recommended a deduction in expense for the Council and insists that all local unions pay up their back per capita.

It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted and the recommendations be concurred in. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that as soon as the treasury will permit that the pay to the business manager be returned to the present amount. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the change in business manager's salary and expense account go into effect April 1, 1942. Carried.

Good of the Council: Bro. Ward gave a talk of the conditions he found in San Diego while he was at the Carpenters District Council meeting, says that the Council received a per capita of one hour's pay per month from each building craft workman. They hire an attorney by the year, principally to help injured workmen to receive just compensation from the Industrial Insurance Companies, who are always trying to chisel on the injured workman's pension.

All bills having been approved by the trustees, they were ordered paid.

No further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. LONG, Rec. Secy.

Check Your Congressman!

Pres. Roosevelt's bill calling for \$300,000,000 to raise state unemployment benefits for men thrown out of work during the conversion of plants to wartime production was shelved by the house ways and means committee in a 16 to 8 vote.

Thirty-five cents an hour is the minimum wage for workers making wooden toys for interstate trade under the Federal Wage and Hour Law.

Newspapers Are Condemned For Attacks on Civilian Defense Volunteer Workers

By HENRY ZON

Washington, D. C.

Every so often the newspapers of the country display a wide yellow streak down the middle of their backs. Editors seem to have a throwback to the Roman days when tossing individuals to the lions was considered highly amusing.

The most recent instance of this was the campaign conducted by newspapers against

the Office of Civilian Defense. With their self-sworn cloaks of public virtue wrapped securely around them, the editors sent their reporters into battle.

A dancer by the name of Mayra Chaney and an actor by the name of Melvyn Douglas were the supposed objectives. The howl was raised that the dancer was getting \$4600 a year while Douglas was supposed to be getting \$8000 a year. The fact that Douglas was actually working "without compensation" was only discovered later.

Chaney, the dancer, immediately became a "fan dancer" in the newspaper columns though there was nothing to indicate that she ever used a fan for anything except to cool herself with.

DIES ASSISTED

Office humorists were given the job of calling the OCD and trying to find out what, exactly, the dancer Chaney did for civilian defense. The fact that she had something to do with entertainment provoked sly innuendoes in type.

The House played a willing role in promoting the Roman holiday and Representative Martin Dies (D., Tex.), something of an expert on the Roman holiday question, pitched in with all his talent.

It was discovered that a number of employees of the OCD had been opposed to the continuance of the Dies Committee. Some others in the OCD had supported the cause of the Spanish government against the wishes of Martin Dies and the unlamented Neville Chamberlain. That proved they were dirty Reds.

Humorists in the House took up the cudgels. Representative Leland M. Ford (R., Calif.), whose reelection had been opposed by Douglas and other screen actors, whetted his tomahawk to a fine edge and came in swinging. One member shouted that nobody could get a job in the OCD unless they were on the Dies blacklist. (Some of the best people are on that list, incidentally.)

Another gent. shouted that Douglas was getting \$8,000 a year—which he isn't—which is as much as General MacArthur gets, while Chaney was getting more than Capt. Colin Kelly. He shut down when it was rudely pointed out that he was getting \$10,000 a year compared with MacArthur's \$8,000.

It may be that Chaney and Douglas aren't worth their salaries. It may be they are worth considerably more. The point isn't important.

No newspaper editor sallied forth so boldly against dollar-a-

service tires.

Governor Olson added that Hillman's suggestion that defense workers driving their own cars "pool their transportation resources with neighbors and fellow workers" to make cars last longer, should be heeded without delay.

Hillman, Governor Olson said, does not limit his appeal to war workers alone, but to workers generally.

Through the California State Council of Defense it is planned to contact labor unions and urge that Hillman's suggestion of "informal transportation clubs" be made a reality.

Jewish Paper Adds \$5,000 To Aid-British-Labor Fund

New York, N. Y.

Five thousand dollars was presented to the American Labor Committee to Aid British Labor by the Jewish Daily Forward at a special luncheon of prominent New York labor leaders and representatives of the British War Relief Society. Alexander Kahn, general manager of the Forward, said that "this sum represents the proceeds of a special British Commonwealth Edition published by the Forward."

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CARPENTERS 925—Meets every Monday night at 7:30, Carpenters Hall, North Main St. Pres., George Harter, 1060 Market St., Phone 3335; Vice Pres., Guy Paulson, Sec., L. H. Tait, 520 Riker St., Phone 4246; Treas., L. A. Long, 101 Drive; Rec. Sec., Roy Hossack, 1244 Del Monte Ave.; Bus. Agent, L. E. Koch, 66 Myrtle Court, Phone 6868, Office 422 N. Main St., Phone 5721.

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MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION: Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St.; W. G. Kenyon, Sec.-Treas., 137 Clay St.; D. D. McAnaney, Pres.

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OPERATING ENGINEERS NO. 165—Meets first Thursday at Labor Temple, 462-A Main Street, Harry Vosburgh, secretary, 240 E. San Luis Street, Salinas.

OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION NO. 763: Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, Phone 1423; President, Don Frick.

PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND PAPERHANGERS UNION, LOCAL NO. 1104: Meets first and third Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St.; Pres., Earl Ross; Rec. Sec., Ted Hartman; Fin. Sec., Verne Reed; office at Labor Temple, Phone Salinas 8763.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS' UNION Local 508: Meets second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St.; Fin. Sec., Alfred H. (Fred) Hull, 19 West St., Salinas; Pres., L. Jenkins.

POSTAL CARRIERS UNION, LOCAL NO. 1046: Meets every third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at 30 Towst St., Salinas; E. L. Sieber, Sec., Phone 2944R, P. O. Box 25; Lester Pierce, Pres., Salinas.

PRINTING PRESSMEN & ASSISTANTS' UNION NO. 328 OF WATSONVILLE AND SALINAS—Meets last Tuesday of each month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. President, Roland W. Scheffler, Toro and Miami Sts., Salinas; Sec., Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 304—President, John Al-sop, Pacific Grove, Phone 7825; Business Agent, A. N. Endell, 54 Villa St., Salinas, Phone 7355.

STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES—Meets on call at Labor Temple, R. H. Clinch, Pres.; R. S. Humphrey, Sec.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS UNION NO. 20616—President, Les Hutchings; Secty., E. M. Jones, 21-A Homestead, Salinas. Meets in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 P. M.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Labor Temple; Charles M. Smith, secretary, 117 Pajaro street Salinas, Phone 7590, residence phone 6735.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 13 Kentucky St., Salinas; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Payton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 2737-R; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPGRAPHICAL WORKERS UNION, LOCAL NO. 543: Meets every other last Sunday in the month at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas; A. F. Ramsey, Secretary, Rt. 5, Box 9, Watsonville. Call Frank H. Phillips, President.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATER-PROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 1st Friday in Watsonville Labor Temple, 3rd Friday in Monterey Carpenters' Hall at 8:00 p.m. Pres., Lloyd Lovett, Salinas; Sec., Warren A. Smith, Rt. 3, Box 64, Santa Cruz.

Officers Laud Worker Effort On Plane, Gun

Washington, D. C. American workers are building airplanes of such definitely superior quality that they must be given part of the credit for recent air victories in the Pacific, Robert A. Lovett, assistant secretary for air, declared in telegrams of congratulation to employees of more than 100 plants making planes and parts.

At the same time, General Douglas MacArthur, in an official report, praised the way in which the Garand rifle is standing up under combat conditions on the Bataan peninsula. The rifle was developed by John C. Garand, a civilian employee at the Ordnance Department's Springfield Armory in Springfield, Mass.

Praising the rifle as "excellent," General MacArthur said it did not become clogged by dust or dirt when fired from "foxholes" in the jungle. Some rifles were in almost continuous use for a week without cleaning or lubrication. Such dependability was considered a tribute to the workmanship which went into them.

Hailed as the equivalent of three bolt-action rifles of the same calibre, the Garand can be fired 40 times a minute by the average rifleman. It is a gas-operated, clip-fed, self-loading weapon which does not have to be lowered from the target while the bolt is being pulled back for the next shot.

Citizens Must Be Alert, Olson Says

Fear that enemy war planes or submarines may again attempt to shell California has prompted Governor Culbert L. Olson to voice an appeal to residents, particularly those living along the coastline to be ever on the alert.

Any one sighting a suspicious plane, submarine, or warship is urged to immediately notify Governor Olson to immediately notify the nearest police or sheriff's office.

"It is now apparent that we must not only be vigilant against air attacks but also coastal attacks from enemy ships. Since the eyes of the United States Coast Guard and our army and navy scouting patrol cannot be everywhere, it is incumbent upon those who live along the shore, and who may discover the presence of enemy ships or other enemy activities, to immediately communicate with the nearest police or sheriff's office and give it that information. The police or sheriff's office will then notify the Fourth Interceptor Command and other arms of the Federal Government so that appropriate defense units may be dispatched to the scene.

"Now that we know enemy ships are once again close to our shores, the vigilance of all citizens in the coastal areas is urgently required, and promptness in reporting enemy activities may result in the saving of lives and property.

Heavy Tractors Are 'Frozen'

Track-laying tractors, which don't need new tires, today were placed on the taboo list by an order of the War Production Board.

Southern California and Arizona citizens might have sought this substitute for the family automobile are hereby notified that the heavy vehicles will be rationed like tires and sugar, for use of essential users only.

All unused bulldozers, angle-dozers, power control units, and winches to be mounted on unused track-laying tractors also come within the scope of the order, which forbids their sale of delivery by dealers, distributors, and manufacturers. An exception was made for persons with preference rating higher than A-2.

Reason for the order was the anticipated shortage of tractors because of lack of machine tools to build them. Experts believe that top production of track-laying tractors in 1942 cannot exceed 20,000 to 25,000 units, as against a probable demand for 50,000. Military and lend-lease requirements will probably leave little or no track-laying equipment available for agriculture, mining, logging, oil production, defense construction, and other industrial uses such as those of steel companies, railroads, and public utilities.

But the army's needs must come first, hence the freezing order.

Playboy Fined \$30 For Trying to Run Over Union Pickets

Pasadena, California C. C. Henry, wealthy San Mateo playboy, was fined \$30 in Pasadena Superior Court for attempting to run over AFL pickets outside the swank Grand Rendezvous on October 26. Henry was a habitual patron of the restaurant.

The jury handed down its verdict after hearing unionists and passersby testify that Henry deliberately maneuvered his auto so as to hit the pickets. On several occasions Superior Court Judge F. Collier reprimanded the defense, which introduced the red herring and complained that the rich were being persecuted.

La Follette In Blast at California Anti-Laborites

Washington, D. C. The LaFollette Committee urged Congress to outlaw vicious "conspiracies" by employer associations to kill labor unions and nullify labor laws.

This sweeping recommendation featured the introductory section of a nine-volume report on the investigation of employer-sponsored violence and propaganda in California conducted by the Senate Education and Labor Committee.

The report emphasized that the findings of the California inquiry bear an important relationship to current, nation-wide attempts to destroy labor standards in the name of the national emergency. The committee said:

CALIFORNIA AN EXAMPLE
"In an atmosphere of national defense the causes of or responsibility for strikes or demands for readjustments in employment relationships may be submerged or passed over. Only an awareness by the public and the legislature of the worth of trade unions and collective bargaining in promoting industrial democracy and industrial peace, plus a sophisticated understanding of the ways in which certain anti-labor employers and the belligerent employer groups have sought, and continue to seek, to use the forces of public opinion and the law to avoid industrial democracy, will protect labor's rights and achieve domestic tranquility in the national emergency. This analysis of events in California in the last decade should contribute to that awareness and understanding."

TERMITES AT WORK
"The various parts of this report will reveal that it is a habit and function of a particular type of employers' organization to stimulate by propaganda and other devices the public and legislative sentiment that will pave the way for legislative restriction of labor's rights."

"Indeed, such activities are financed, organized, and conducted by the very same associations which carry on private conspiratorial assaults on the right of organization and collective bargaining through labor espionage, company unions, strikebreaking systems, use of industrial munitions, the perversion of local law enforcement, and various other forms of coercion."

Old Boys to Be Registered For Service Within 2 Months, Said

Don't think that you are safe from army service just because you are over 44. Inside tip from Washington is that all men from 45 to 64 will be registered within the next two months. You will not have to shoulder a Garand, but you may be on the end of a potato-peeler. Naturally, men of that age needed in war production will not be disturbed, but there are tens of thousands of oldsters who can replace rookies in army camps in essentially non-military work.

This war is serious business, and it is quite possible that all women will be registered for classification before the year is out.

Pledge of Service

I vow thee, my country—
All earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect,
The service of my love.
The love that asks no questions,
The love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best.
The love that never falters,
The love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice.
—SIR CECIL SPRING-RICE.

TESTED RECIPES — for — UNION HOME MAKERS

(Union housewives—and men who pride themselves in cooking—are asked to send favorite tested recipes to RECIPE EDITOR, 5823 Occidental St., Oakland. Be sure to give name, address and union).

SALMON RICE MOLD

1 cup boiled rice
¼ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter, melted
1 cup salmon
1 teaspoon chopped parsley
1 tablespoon lemon juice
¼ cup buttered crumbs
2 tablespoons milk
Mix rice with salt and melted butter. Place in buttered baking dish. Cover with rest of ingredients. Bake 35 minutes in moderate oven (350). Surround with creamed asparagus, savory or egg sauce.

RICE JELLO

One cup cooked rice, 1 cup raisins, 1 box lemon Jello.
Add raisins with boiled rice while still boiling about 5 minutes. Add Jello while still hot. Set to cool. Eat with cream whipped or otherwise if preferred.

SPICE BREAD

(Makes 1 quart loaf pan)
2½ cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ teaspoon ginger
1 cup currants
2 eggs
1 cup milk
¼ cup shortening
Sift flour before measuring. Then sift together flour, baking powder, salt, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and ginger. Wash and drain currants; mix into dry ingredients. Add well beaten eggs, milk and melted shortening to dry ingredients. Stir only until just well combined. Pour into a greased loaf pan. Bake in a moderate (350) oven for about one hour.

Kidwell Reports Tremendous Gain In State Plants

San Francisco, California. California manufacturing industries employed 482,000 factory wage earners in January 1942, a gain of 156,000 or approximately 48 percent over January 1941, announced George G. Kidwell, Director of Industrial Relations, today on the basis of a report from H. C. Carrasco, Chief of the Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement.

The figure of 482,000 for January does not include office, clerical, sales, executive, managerial, technical or professional personnel which is estimated at approximately 100,000 for manufacturing industries.

Factory pay rolls in January 1942 were up more than 92 percent above January a year ago.

Contrasted with sharp increases in employment in defense and many non-defense industries, employment in California automobile plants during January was down about 58 percent below January a year ago, due to sharp curtailment of production. A large number of firms in various industries reported reduced employment during January due to shortage of materials, priorities, decreases in production quotas and other war measures. Small firms principally were affected.

Overtime work and wage-rate increases continue to be reflected in higher weekly and hourly earnings. Working time averaged 42.3 hours per week in January for all manufacturing industries combined, contrasted with 38.6 hours a year ago. Average weekly earnings in California factories rose to \$40.37 in January from \$37.77 in December and \$30.82 in January 1941. Similarly average hourly earnings in manufacturing industries rose to 95.3 cents in January from 92.7 cents in December and 79.8 cents in January a year ago.

Among the non-manufacturing industries of the state, gains in employment above January 1941 were reported in all lines except crude oil producing, hotels and metal making.

State Warns On Abuse of Tires

The California Railroad Commission this week moved to preserve highway transportation in this state by launching a campaign to conserve tires.

A letter was dispatched by the commission to 9000 operators of 40,000 commercial motor vehicles coming under State jurisdiction, asking their cooperation in the campaign.

The communication, issued by Justus F. Craemer, president of the commission, revealed the startling fact that California operates 10 per cent of all motor equipment in the nation. With a population of slightly more than five per cent, the rubber shortage presents California with a problem twice as great as the national average, the letter points out.

The disastrous effect on tires of high speeds and overloading is graphically illustrated in a chart which accompanied the letter. For instance, tires rotated at a speed of 35 miles an hour yield an average of 30,000 miles of wear; at 45 miles an hour, 24,000 and at 55 m. p. h. only 16,500. The effect of overloading is demonstrated by adopting 30,000 miles as the average life of a tire. A 20 per cent overload cuts this down to 21,000 miles and a 50 per cent excess reduces the mileage to 12,000.

The letter concludes:

"You can make no greater contribution to the war program of the Nation and to the agricultural, industrial and general welfare of California than to insist on a strict observance of every rule of careful and economical operation that will lengthen the life of your tires and equipment."

Workers Ask For Improved Eating Setup In Plants

Many unionists claim that inadequate eating facilities in a number of defense plants are interfering with production efforts. The union leaders are now looking into the problem of warm lunch-rooms at reasonable prices for their members. Surveys of actual eating facilities in Michigan, one of the key war production states, are under way. If there is a definite need for proper eating facilities in your plant and you wish to do something about it, send a letter to the Consumer Division, OPA, Washington, D. C. Information should cover present facilities, time off for lunch, arrangements for washing up, kind of lunches available, such as sandwiches or hot lunches, and whether prices are fair.

Big Expansion Seen

Between 800,000 and 1,000,000 workers will be needed to man the expanded auto industry by the time it finishes its total conversion to war-time production of tanks, planes and other military equipment, Sidney Hillman, Labor Director of the War Production Board, announced recently.

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